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**PENCE EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES FOR HAGERSTOWN, IN NATIVE KILLED IN IRAQ**

**Washington, Sep 22, 2003** - WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence today expressed sympathy to the family of Army Staff Sgt. Frederick L. Miller Jr. of Hagerstown, IN. Miller was killed on September 20 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Miller was conducting a security patrol when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. He died of his injuries.

The following is Pence's statement:

"Staff Sgt. Frederick L. Miller Jr. is a hero. He died like every other American soldier throughout our nation's history, bringing hope and freedom to a people who have never known it before. On behalf of the people of the Sixth Congressional District, I extend my deepest sympathies and fervent prayers to Staff Sgt. Miller's wife and family as they grieve the loss of this heroic American."

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